

COUNTY OFFICERS.	
Sheriff.....	J. F. Dunn
Clerk.....	O. J. Bell
Register.....	O. J. Bell
Treasurer.....	Wm. W. Atwood
Prosecuting Attorney.....	M. J. Connell
Judge of Probate.....	W. J. Scott
C. C. Compt.....	M. J. Connell
Surveyor.....	A. F. Newman
Coroner.....	W. H. Sherman and M. O. Atwood

SUPERVISORS.

Grove Township.....	Wm. G. Johnson
South Branch.....	Ira H. Miller
Beaver Creek.....	T. E. Hastings
Maple Forest.....	F. H. Knudson
Grayling.....	J. M. Finn
Frederickville.....	Duane Wille
Hall.....	Wm. Rawlins
Center Platina.....	F. P. Richardson
Blaine.....	Peter Aebel

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

M. E. CHURCH—Rev. G. M. Bigelow, Pastor.	
Services at 11 o'clock a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday school at 12 m.	
Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7½ o'clock.	All are cordially invited to attend.
J. O. HADLEY, W. M. A. TAYLOR, Secretary.	

MARVIN POST, No. 240, G. A. R., meets the second Saturday in each month.	
O. PALMER, Post Commander.	

G. H. THAYER, Adjutant.	
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BUSINESS DIRECTORY.	
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MRS. T. W. MITCHELL & CO., MILLINER & DRESSMAKER	
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GRAYLING, MICH.	
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GEO. L. ALEXANDER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ETC.	
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Pine Lands Bought and Sold on Commission.	
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Non-Residents' Lands Looked After.	
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ROSCOMMON, - - - - MICH.	
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Will be in Grayling at J. O. Hadley's office from Tuesday noon until Friday noon of each week.	
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MAIN J. CONNINE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, GRAYLING, MICH.	
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O. PALMER,	
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Justice of the Peace and Notary.	
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Collected, conveying, payment of taxes, and purchase and sale of real estate promptly attended to. Office corner of Michigan and Franklin Avenues, opposite the Court House.	
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GRAYLING, MICH.	
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F. F. THATCHER, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,	
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GRAYLING, MICH.	
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Office and Residence in the Hospital Building, on Cedar Street.	
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G. M. F. DAVIS, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,	
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GRAYLING, MICH.	
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GRAYLING HOUSE, W. A. WILD, Proprietor	
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GRAYLING, MICH.	
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CENTRAL HOTEL, GRAYLING, MICH.	
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WM. FORTIER, - Proprietor	
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This house is located conveniently near the depot and business houses. Every attention will be paid to the comfort of guests.	
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Meals served at all hours.	
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OLIVER RAYMOND,	
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TONSorial ARTIST,	
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GRAYLING, MICH.	
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Shaving and Hair-Cutter done in the latest style and to the satisfaction of all. Corner of Michigan Avenue and Railroad Street.	
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A. E. NEWMAN,	
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COUNTY SURVEYOR	
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GRAYLING, MICH.	
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Also agent for Root's Addition to the Village of Grayling. Farms and lots sold at reasonable prices, and on terms to suit purchasers.	
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July 1st	
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J. R. McDONALD,	
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MANUFACTURER OF	
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Boots and Shoes,	
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GRAYLING, MICH.	
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Special attention given to fine sewed work, repairing attended to promptly.	
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The Avalanche.

O. PALMER, EDITOR & PROPRIETOR.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1886.

Entered at the Post Office at Grayling
Mich., as second-class matter.

POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The public debt of the United States was reduced \$2,702,150, during the month of February.

A Mr. Dettloff of Detroit is in receipt of an autograph letter from Mr. Cleveland, consenting to act as sponsor to their twelfth child and bestow upon it his name. The Detroit baby is more fortunate than the Buffalo boy. —*B. C. Tribune*.

The large and enthusiastic gathering of the Michigan Republican Club, at Detroit, Monday, goes to show that the o. p. of this state is alive to the situation and proposes to "get there" this coming fall, if judicious counsels and hard work will count to that desideratum. Don M. Dickenson had better sound the democratic party call. —*Port Huron Tribune*.

Judge J. D. Tuttle, of East Tawas, holds that the tax law is unconstitutional, as far as he is concerned, and refuses to pay. Town Treasurer Robinson has seized the judge's horses and declares that no matter what opinion the learned jurist holds, he holds the horses and will keep them until the taxes, amounting to \$117, are paid. —*Det. Journal*.

A special dispatch from Washington to the *Det. Journal*, on the 2d inst. says: "Assistant Land Commissioner Stockslager says that there is a probability now that the three Michigan land districts will be consolidated in two, and that the registers of the offices will be located at Reed City and Grayling. This plan meets the approval of Messrs. Fisher and Cutcheon, in whose districts nearly all the remaining public lands in the lower peninsula are located."

The Vane family appears to be doing well, and doubtless will continue to enjoy itself as long as the democratic administration remains with us, and anything is left in the treasury. There are my less than fourteen Vances of different ages and assorted grades of intelligence, at present on the government rolls, and in the receipt of salaries ranging from \$350 to \$5,000 per annum. Besides these Vances there are three relatives of another name who have kindly consented to draw salaries from the general government. —*Detroit Tribune*.

What you hear a man serving in the local paper, observes the Warsaw, Indiana, *National Union*, because they are not as big, cheap, and nervous as the other papers, you can safely bet that he does not squander his wealth to assist in making them better, and that generally the papers have done more for him than he has for them. The man who cannot see the benefit arising to a town from a newspaper, has not the sense of an oyster, and he is about as much value to a town as a delinquent tax list.

The Consolidated Land Office.

Although for some time cognizant of the fact that an effort was to be made during the present session of congress to consolidate the U. S. Land offices of the lower peninsula, and to establish the new office at this place, the *AVALANCHE* has been silent, as the entire subject at this end of the line was being handled by J. Maurice Finn, who prepared complete maps showing the exact location of every acre of government land, and thereby proving this to be the geographical center thereof. His work was complete, and after quietly securing the aid of some of the leading democrats of the state, who are in perfect accord with the administration, including Representative S. O. Fisher of this district, he dropped into Washington to lay the subject before the Department of the Interior.

The moment his work became public, intense opposition was aroused in different quarters, not from reasonable objections to this location, but to secure the benefits of the office for their locality. Lame people taking the initiative in the offensive action. Mr. Finn and his friends were fully prepared for this, and placed before the department every argument that could be thought of that had a direct bearing on the case. Other places desiring to be heard will be listened to, before a decision is made entirely on the merits of the case, we believe it will be in our favor.

Mr. Finn feels that his reception by the Commissioner, Mr. Sparks, angers well for the decision, and in several interviews, Mr. Fisher has expressed his confidence therein. Newspaper reports that the decision has been made in favor of any place are drawn from reporter's imagination, and are utterly false, as a decision is not looked for, for several days yet, the arguments in favor of other locations not having been made.

Whether we get the office or not, our people can rest assured that J. M. has made heroic efforts in that direction and has been earnestly supported by Mr. Fisher.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, '86.
EDITOR AVALANCHE.—Since I last wrote you, the women have come fought again and gone. I mean the women who want to vote. For eighteen successive winters they have rendezvoused in Washington with the intention of capturing Congress. They made a three days siege this time, and now that it is all over the city will resume the even tenor of its way, and its feminine element will return to dancing, flirting, going to church, making crazy quirts and painting plagues. These laudable enterprises were sadly neglected during the Woman's Suffrage Convention. As usual the ladies went to hear all about the rights and possibilities and duties of their sex, and their minds were deeply stirred by the impassioned oratory of Miss Anthony and her co-workers.

The advocates of woman suffrage say, if men were to make such a struggle for freedom and their rights, it would be considered a fine thing, and there would be books and even poetry written about it. And this may be true. There is something poetically pathetic in the energy, patience, and chronic hopefulness evinced by these toilers for freedom and their rights, it would be considered a fine thing, and there would be books and even poetry written about it. And this may be true. There is something poetically pathetic in the energy, patience, and chronic hopefulness evinced by these toilers for female enfranchisement. One is constrained to wish such industry and such faith were consecrated to a more hopeful cause.

At these conventions, the women are much given to speech making, personal glorification, and criticism of putidous man. All they say they believe, and mean, and have said before, but how could anything new be said on a subject that is thoroughly discussed and exhausted annually?

Miss Ada Sweet, of Chicago, whose powers of tenacity were strikingly illustrated in defense of her office of pension agent in that city, was prominent among the delegates to the convention. She is young, good-looking, self possessed, and can make a speech which she did, relating her experience with insane asylums, and giving her opinion that they should at least be under the management of women.

Mrs. Sewell, of Indianapolis, is one of the pillars of the sisterhood. She is not prepossessing in appearance, but probably as much so as the law of the association approves. Her adorments were limited to bangs. This concession to frivolous fashion in no wise detracted from Mrs. Sewell's formidable physiognomy, however, nor from her usefulness to the cause. She had a good deal to say about hardened Congressmen and indolent Senators, but she thought the consciences of these gentlemen less at fault than the southern states. I have not read this vote for the purpose of stirring up bad blood. The time has come when sectional lines should be dropped, and when sixty-four members of that side of the House said \$12,000 was too much to pay a widow. The sectional bias was kept up and the bloody shirt was waved. To-day the Constitution was thrown in our faces as a shield to cover an almost solid vote against the increase of pension bill, and yet there hardly a constitution of the United State here and now as by conviction that if these gentlemen respected the constitution as they say, they would not have control of this chamber. If they represented the constitution, instead of ballot-box stuffing and shot-guns, they would not have control of the executive of the nation. [Applause on the republican side and groans on the democratic side.] You may groan gentlemen, but you yourselves do know, and you boast of it, too, that you will control this government in spite of the constitution, and I tell you here and now, in this chamber, that there are as grave crimes committed under forms of law and constitution, as there were when Sumter was fired upon, and for one I protest against sectional control of this country, with the constitution absolutely defeated.

These are my sentiments; and I say that the gauntlet was thrown down on that vote. In closing I desire to say I sincerely trust that no gentlemen, especially those who were in the ranks against me, misinterpret me for I would rather spend an eternity in hell with a confederate, than an eternity in Heaven with a northern copperhead. [Laughter and applause.]

BUCKLEN'S ARMIES SALVO.
The Bustle Salvo in the world for Guts, "Brinnes' Stores, Closets, Salt-Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. FOR SALE BY DR. N. H. TRAVER AGT.

Very Remarkable Recovery.

Mr. Geo. V. Willing, of Manchester, Mich., writes: "My wife has been at most helpless for five years, so helpless that she could not turn over in bed alone. She used two Bottles of Electric Bitters, and is so much improved that she is able now to do her own work."

Electric Bitters, will do all that is claimed for them. Hundreds of testimonials attest their great active powers. Only fifty cents a bottle at Dr. N. H. TRAVER's Drug Store.

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Texas, by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; every body said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds.

Trial Bottles of this great Discovery for Consumption free at Dr. N. H. TRAVER's Drug Store.

The *State Republican*, (Lansing), believes that any party whose platform or whose congressmen threaten to cut down the wages of Michigan working men, and spoil the home market of Michigan farmers, and check the rapid growth and development of the state, cannot carry Michigan in this year's elections, no matter what schemes, combinations or nominations such party may try. The State Republican believes that a party which shall distinctly and practically favor good wages and plenty of work for workingmen, good markets for farmers, and a boom for Michigan business and industry will carry the state.

Patents Granted.

Patents granted to citizens of Michigan during the past week and reported expressly for the *AVALANCHE*, by C. A. Snod & Co. Patent lawyers, Opp. U. S. Patent office, Washington, D. C. R. Stevens, Detroit, Inventor.

E. E. Fisher, Detroit, Extracting iron pieces from grain.

L. P. Foss, Kalamazoo, Feed water regulator.

S. E. Jarvis, Lansing, Traction engine, W. C. Lautens, Detroit, Coffin.

A. McQuinston, Elsie, Barrel holder, W. L. Peet, Maple, Rapids, Ticket holder.

E. P. Perrin, Brethren Springs, Feeder for machinery.

W. Spencer, Sheboygan, Grapple, H. W. Hoag, Detroit, Core box.

W. H. Pettibone, Battle Creek, Rail-way track key.

H. B. Wilson, Paw paw, Fence post.

We give the following extract from the speech of Congressman Henderson of Iowa, in defense of the Pension Bill—which we think is peculiarly good reading at the present time, especially when we consider that the democratic party has been claiming to be the true friend to the old soldier, when every democrat in the House voted against allowing the widows of soldiers \$12.00 per month instead of \$8.00.

He had just analyzed the vote, and was replied to by Congressman Tillman a misrepresentative from South Carolina, and rejoined as follows:

"There is no section of this country that before God is under deeper and more profound obligation to pay every dollar of the share of that debt than the southern states. I have not read this vote for the purpose of stirring up bad blood. The time has come when sectional lines should be dropped, and when sixty-four members of that side of the House said \$12,000 was too much to pay a widow. The sectional bias was kept up and the bloody shirt was waved. To-day the Constitution was thrown in our faces as a shield to cover an almost solid vote against the increase of pension bill, and yet there hardly a constitution of the United State here and now as by conviction that if these gentlemen respected the constitution as they say, they would not have control of this chamber. If they represented the constitution, instead of ballot-box stuffing and shot-guns, they would not have control of the executive of the nation. [Applause on the republican side and groans on the democratic side.] You may groan gentlemen, but you yourselves do know, and you boast of it, too, that you will control this government in spite of the constitution, and I tell you here and now, in this chamber, that there are as grave crimes committed under forms of law and constitution, as there were when Sumter was fired upon, and for one I protest against sectional control of this country, with the constitution absolutely defeated.

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Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE, REED CITY, MICH.

February 24th, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and to file a final proof, with the surveyor of the circuit court, for Crawford County, Michigan, April 2d, 1886, viz.: William C. Jones, of Reed City Post Office, Edward T. Walker and Wm. H. Strother of Reed City, and O. Charles Doubt, of Reed City.

He names the following witnesses to prove his claim:

March 1st, 1886, F. C. Farnham and A. C. Smith, of Reed City, P. 2d, 1886, Sec. 3, Twp. 3, R. 2, West.

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The Avalanche
J. C. HANSON, Local Editor.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1886.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Salling, Hanson & Co's. Price List.
(Corrected Weekly.)

Gates No. 3 white, per bushel, 4 cents.

Hay, No. 1, per ton, \$1.50.

Pow. feed, per ton, 35 cents.

Beef, per ton, 60 cents.

Butter, per pound, one barrel, 65 cents.

Our Royal Peacock, one barrel, 65 cents.

Excelsior, per hundred pounds, 45 cents.

Flax seed, per hundred pounds, \$1.00.

Extra Nos. beef, per barrel, 11.50.

Mos. oats, per barrel, 12.50.

Meal, buckwheat, per barrel, 12.50.

Bacon, per barrel, 12.50.

Breakfast bacon, per pound, 12 cents.

Meat, per pound, one barrel, 65 cents.

Cheese, per pound, 7 cents.

Mess. park, per pound, 7 cents.

Extra bacon, per pound, 7 cents.

Butter, per pound, 18 cents.

Butterine, per pound, 18 cents.

Choice butter, per pound, 22 cents.

Fresh eggs, per dozen, 25 cents.

Meat, ground, per pound, 32 to 38 cents.

Meat, ground, per pound, 35 cents.

Flax seed, per pound, 32 cents.

Flax seed, per pound, 32 cents.

Texas, green, per pound, 35 to 50 cents.

Sugar, yellow, per pound, 7 cents.

Sugar, brown, per pound, 15 cents.

Sugar, granulated, per pound, 8-1/2 cents.

Sugar, cut leaf, per pound, 10 cents.

Sugar, powdered, per pound, 10 cents.

Extra sugar, per gallon, 20 cents.

Potatoes, per bushel, 25 cents.

Beans, hand picked, per bushel, 2.00.

Wheat, per bushel, 2.50.

Syrup, maple, per gallon, 1.00.

N. O. molasses, per gallon, 65 cents.

Molasses, per gallon, 85 cents.

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Hats and Caps at Edgecombe's.

Subscribe for the AVALANCHE.

Floor and Table Oil Cloth at

Edgecombe's.

Pay for the AVALANCHE.

R. E. Porter—Or the interview-

er and the Fairies—Wait for it.

Wood wanted on subscription at

this office.

Take a look at Edgecombe's 5 and

10 cent counters.

For Job Work of all kinds call at the

AVALANCHE office.

Mr. J. K. Hanson leaves Europe for

home today.

Look at those beautiful Turkish

Towels at Edgecombe's.

Sid. C. the assistant p. m., is again

on the sick list... Roomattix.

Call and examine the Racine Fan-

ning Mill for sale by O. Palmer.

R. E. Porter—Or the interview-

er and the Fairies—Wait for it.

Jake Steekert finished his job of

putting up ice for A. Herzfeld, yester-

day.—Ros. News.

We will furnish our subscribers with

the Century for \$3.50, and St. Nicho-

las for \$2.50.

R. E. Porter—Or the interview-

er and the Fairies—Wait for it.

Captured a fine swan near Fredericks-

ville last week, which they sold to R. Han-

son for \$25.00.

For fine rubbers, either ladies or

Gents, go to McCullough's.

Salling, Hanson & Co's new dry

house will be ready for occupancy the

coming week.

Inquire of O. J. Bell, if you want a

desirable village lot. He will give

bargains that will astonish the nation.

For children's shoes, all styles and

prices, go to McCullough's. He

has a full line.

We will furnish the Michigan Horti-

culturist and the AVALANCHE for \$2.00

per year.

Buy your Coffee at Edgecombe's

and get a piece of Silverware with

every pound.

Remember the AVALANCHE office

can now furnish you with job work of

all sorts, competing with any office in

the state for quality or price of work.

Miss Cora Traver will have charge

of the books of Hanson Brothers &

Co., at Fredericks.

George Phillips, engineer on the

Mackinaw division, and residing in

the Fourth ward, is on the sick list.—

B. C. Tribune.

New lot of Ladies and Misses' Jersey's, also Jersey Caps, at Edg-

ecumbes'.

There has been quite a number of

additions to the membership of the

church, lately.

We will furnish our subscribers with

the DETROIT COMMERCIAL AD-

VERTISER and the AVALANCHE for

one year, for \$2.75.

Quarterly Meeting services will be

held at the church on next Monday

evening. Rev. L. P. Davis will officiate.

For a pair of course boots at a

low price, go to McCullough's, only

\$2.75.

Do not fail to read our offer of the

AMERICAN FARMER free to all of our

subscribers who pay their subscription

in advance.

Rasmus Hanson and N. P. Salling

are in Chicago this week, purchasing

goods for the store here, and the new

store at Fredericks.

We will furnish our subscribers with

the Detroit Daily Journal in connec-

tion with the AVALANCHE for \$1.50 per

year. The subscription of the Jour-

nal alone, is \$3.00 per year.

Another locomotive is being taken

overland from Cheney to the G. R.

and M. legging railroad, a distance of

ten miles.

To all our subscribers who pay up in advance, we will furnish the AMERICAN FARMER free.

If you want a pair of fine boots, morocco leg tongued, go to McCullough for them, price \$3.00.

If you wish to subscribe for Godey's, Delineator, Demostes', or any other magazine, at club rates, call at the AVALANCHE OFFICE.

For Lumbermen's heavy rubbers go to McCullough's. He has reduced the price from \$1.25 to \$1.00.

McCullough has just received the finest line of Ladies Walking Shoes ever brought to Grayling, price \$1.25.

D. N. H. Traver has secured the agency for the sale of the finest Kerosene Lamp ever manufactured. It gives more light than a dozen others, and saves oil and eye-sight. Call and examine for yourselves.

Stephen M. Miles, of Beaver Creek, moved to Horton, Jackson County, last Monday. His wife, who went there some time ago, is not expected to live.

John Chew and Miss Lillian Coffey, were married yesterday. John will chew his coffee now, instead of drinking it as heretofore.

McCullough is selling Lumberman's Red Socks at 65 cents, which he has sold at 85 cents, and short red socks at 40 cents, which sold for fifty cents.

If you want to be suited with the goods, and get good bargains, go to a regular dealer, one who makes a specialty of the trade, and that is McCullough.

THE THREE OUTLETS of disease are the bowels, the skin and the kidneys. Regulate their action with the best purifying tonic, Burdock Root Bitters.

J. M. Jones our old townsmen from Grayling is improving in looks with the attention he is receiving from his numerous friends. We notice that old martial laugh of his now and then as of yore.—Cheesecake Arms:

Messrs. Hanson Brothers & Co. are opening a general store at Fredericks, in this county, which will supply a want that is much felt by the people of that section, there being no dry goods store in the town.

Yesterday, Jay Miller, of South Branch township, came near losing one of his horses. It ran into a snag and just below the breast.—Ros. News.

A man by the name of McDonald came down from Otsego Lake yesterday on his way to East Saginaw. He was injured by a log rolling over him, in Archie Brown's camp.—B. C. Tribune.

Last Thursday was the gustiest day we have experienced this winter: A gust came in the barber's shop and tore his place to flinders.

It snatched a broom from his brush boy's hand.

And the whisk blew through the windows.

Good goods are always cheap, while poor goods are dear at any price. Especially is this true in the article of Drugs and Medicines. Twenty-five years of experience in handling drugs is an assurance of safety to the buyer.

The manner in which L. W. Wight, under charge of embankment in the Circuit Court; cheated justice out of her due, is regarded as quite characteristic. He who could allow his official bondsman to be forced to make good his defalcation to the town, it seems did not scruple to sacrifice his own honor by his non-appearance at Court, thereby leaving a second set of bondsman to suffer. Is it not a subject of deep chagrin and humiliation that justice is so often cheated of her dues in the matter of defalcation and embezzlement? Look at the numerous recent examples in our vicinity. Otsego, Kalkaska, Roscommon, and our county have each been the arena of rascality in county, town and school district treasurers. In each case somebody is guilty, and yet in every case the criminal has gone unwhipped of justice. Innocent bondsman are the sufferers. So numerous have these instances become that it is a serious instance to sign an official bond and the doing so is driving innocent men to poverty. Is it not time that courts and juries—yes and the lovers of justice everywhere—should arise from their apparent apathy, and break through the network of legal technicalities woven by paid counsellors for the very purpose of escape of criminals from justice. Let justice reign and punishment swift and sure by the reward of crime.

George King, aged twelve years and George Ochinski aged fifteen, of Otsego Lake, were taken to the reformatory school by Sheriff Hilton of Gaylord yesterday. They will remain until they arrive at the age of seventeen years. They stole \$8 from the money drawer in W. Watt's store at Otsego Lake.—B. C. Tribune.

The Detroit Journal says: "Mr. and Mrs. James Merrell, of Birmingham, celebrated the 16th anniversary of their wedding Monday. A large number of friends were present, including 25 from Detroit. The happy couple was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens. Many valuable presents were received. Dancing and progressive euchre were the chief amusements." Mrs. M. is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wild.

It Traver's Furniture Rooms can now furnish the largest stock and the greatest variety of goods ever brought in this country consisting in part of Bedsteads,

Spring beds, Mattresses, Rocking chairs, High chairs, Children's rockers, Cane seat chairs, Wood seat chairs, Dining tables, Cradles,

Bureau, Washstands, Center and side tables, Wharpoons, Picture Frames &c. &c.

The above goods were all bought cash with the order,

NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

Samuel Brigham, a bank cashier at Norwich, Conn., has been held in \$15,000 bail for larceny.

The second and concluding volume of Blaine's "Twenty Years in Congress" has been published. It embraces the period between Johnson's installation as President and Garfield's election. The earlier chapters are occupied mainly with the reconstruction problem, the contest between the President and Congress, and the impeachment trial. Grant's eight years' administration is discussed in a generous and catholic spirit, and the closing chapters deal with current questions of political discussion.

A passenger train was derailed at Tamaqua, Penn., some of the cars falling over an embankment and being consumed by fire. Two passengers were probably fatally injured, and a number of others were badly hurt.

In thirteen years the creditors of the Sprague estate have received but fifteen per cent of their claims. During the same time Trustee Chafee has drawn over \$300,000 for his services.

Silas Blakeslee, an aged man living near Wallingford, Conn., gave 10 cents to a stranger who saved him from drowning.

James Hammer, a leading citizen of Louisville, Ky., who stood high in church circles, has disappeared, having squandered a sum of \$10,000 of which he was trustee.

Gen. Hazen, of the Signal Service, has sued the New York Times for \$100,000 damages for libel.

A man named Lillie owns a mill at Shamokin Hill, Pa. His twin daughters, Kate and Susie, aged 6 years, strayed to an up stairs room where a shaft was revolving. The little ones ventured too near the machinery, and their clothes caught in the shaft. After having been thrown around for an hour they were found by an older sister. When the machine was stopped their bodies were found to be terribly lacerated. Both were dead, and Susie has but little chance of recovery.

WESTERN.

Abbott Lawrence, assistant cashier of the National Exchange Bank of Milwaukee, was dangerously shot by George Wardner, bookkeeper for the same institution. The would-be assassin claimed that his victim had been annoying him.

Lumbermen who have returned to Dubuque from the Wisconsin pineeries report that in forty years the production of logs has not been so expansive as this season. The cut will not be more than 80 per cent of last fall's anticipations.

It is announced that the local whisky pool at St. Louis is on the verge of disintegration, and that all the distillers will be running to their full capacities in a short time. The meeting of the Western Export Association at Peoria was harmonious and all difficulties were arranged, the per cent of out put remaining at former figures. The members elected at the session of the gathering.

The national convention of coal mine operators and miners at Columbus, Ohio, agreed upon a scale of prices for the different sections, and also made provision for a local arbitration to settle disputes of a national character.

Thomas A. Edison, the electrician, and Miss Mina Miller were married at Akron, Ohio, and will spend the spring at Fort Myers, Fla.

John Galt, Marcellus, N.Y., announces that he will organize a stock company for the erection of a large distillery in the suburbs of that city.

Joseph Alsop, of Black Oak, Missouri, having a wife and several children, killed himself with a shot-gun when ordered to vacate a rented house.

Charley Maurice, a cow-boy, amused himself at Logansport, Ind., by riding his horse into saloons and demanding drinks at the point of a revolver. When he attempted to ride into the Postoffice policemen barred the way and landed him in the cooler.

Martin C. Simons, tried at Baraboo, Wis., for arson, was acquitted on the ground that there is no law prohibiting the burning of one's own house.

The exports of California wine during 1885 reached 4,500,000 gallons—nearly one million gallons in excess of the shipments of the previous year.

In St. Louis, Dr. Edward H. Coates, whose domestic relations have been unpleasant, met A. Keith on the street and shot him down. Keith died soon afterward. Coates claims that his victim was the cause of his home troubles.

Quo warranto writs were granted last week by the Minnesota Supreme Court to forfeit the charters of and dissolve the corporations known as the Hastings and Dakota Railroad, Minnesota Central Road, Southern Minnesota, Southern Minnesota Railway Extension Company, and the St. Paul and Sioux City lines, on the ground of non-fulfillment of charter promises. The writs also call for a reversion of the land grants to the State.

On a ranch near Deming, New Mexico, General Crook and the Apache Chief Geronimo had a conference, in which the latter asked leave to return to his reservation. Crook demanded an unconditional surrender, but the Indian leader rode away with a white flag flying.

Three ranches at Wheatland, Cal., were visited by masked men, who drove out the Chinese, marched them to Wheatland, and then set them at liberty. At one ranch the Chinese quarters were fired and destroyed.

The Illinois Central Railroad is selling round-trip tickets from Chicago to New Orleans, good for forty days, at \$2.50.

SOUTHERN.

The conduct of Lieutenant Greene, of the signal corps, and other members of the recent court-martial at Fort Myer, Virginia, was such as to draw from the Secretary of War an expression of the stern condemnation of the abuse of counsel for the accused and of enlisted men serving as witnesses.

The Panama Canal Company will ship from New Orleans a third party of 250 negro laborers.

A fire which originated on a cotton steamer at Wilmington, N. C., swept along Water street for three blocks, causing losses estimated at \$1,500,000. The First Methodist Church and two freight depots were among the buildings burned.

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WASHINGTON.

The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads unanimously agreed to report adversely all bills before it for the purchase or construction of telegraph lines by the Government.

Serious commercial depression exists in Sweden.

A young commercial traveler, enjoying his honeymoon at Monte Carlo, lost all his property at the gaming-table and then destroyed himself.

The commercial bank of South Australia has suspended payment. Features in the Tribune reports that nearly all imported books are undervalued more than 50 per cent.

He recommends that duties be assessed on the average retail price, and that stereotype plates be treated as originals.

The statue of Gen. John A. Rawlins, Gen. Grant's friend, is so obscurely situated in Washington that it is difficult to find it. Congress has been memorialized by numerous army associations to find a better place for the statue. Resolutions directing the Secretary of War to do this have been favorably acted upon by committees in both branches, and early action will probably be had.

The House Committee on the Judiciary has favorably reported a bill providing that no person shall be held to answer for any crime whereof the punishment may be loss of life or liberty except on presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger.

Secretary Manning says that the net reduction in annual revenue incident to the adoption of the Morrison tariff bill would be \$12,000,000.

The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads has completed the postal appropriation bill. It appropriates for the next fiscal year \$54,262,588, an increase of \$26,588 over the appropriation for the present fiscal year and a decrease of \$650,579 as compared with the department's estimates. The estimated revenue for the next fiscal year is \$47,292, and the estimated deficiency is \$7,449.

The House Ways and Means Committee have recommended the passage of a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate the undervaluation frauds in New York City, and more particularly the charge that a conspiracy has existed in the custom-house by which invoices were illegally raised.

POLITICAL.

The President has nominated John H. Shaffer to be Postmaster at Kakukuk, Ill. It is intimated that Secretary Bayard may soon resign from the Cabinet, and that he will be succeeded by ex-Senator Thurman.

T. R. Budd, Democrat, has been elected in the Fifth Wisconsin District to succeed the late Joseph Rankin in Congress.

A liquor bill—practically the same as the old Scott law—has been passed by the Ohio House.

Washington special: There is death war between ex-Speaker Randall and Rep. representative Bingham. The story is that the former grossly insulted the latter about ten days ago at a banquet in Philadelphia, at which they were among the invited guests. Mr. Bingham, in speaking of the late Gen. Hancock, made some remarks to which Mr. Randall took exception, and the story goes that the ex-Speaker went狂妄。

A schedule of the liabilities and assets of the defunct Ritzinger Bank of Indianapolis shows assets, \$267,827; liabilities, \$455,000. The bank had 3,400 depositors. It is calculated that 45 cents on the dollar can be paid them.

A skating rink and three other structures at Troy, N. Y., were burned, falling walls injuring several persons, the skull of one man being crushed. The financial loss is \$45,000. A business block at Baltimore, occupied by clothing firms, was partially gutted, the interior value, \$20,000. John Dugger on the bank of the Kanawha River, was executed at Rensselaer, Ind. Nearly one thousand persons were allowed to witness the hanging.

The Houston (Tex.) Savings Bank has failed, with liabilities approximating \$500,000. This suspension caused great excitement in the city, and was wholly unexpected in business circles. As the news spread through the town several hundred anxious depositors gathered about the bank, excitedly discussing the causes leading to the suspension. A receiver has been appointed.

Senators Mitchell, of Oregon, spoke in the Senate on the 20th inst., in support of his anti-Chinese bill. The Blair educational bill was debated, after which the Senate adjourned. The House had a lively session. Mr. Morrison, from the Committee on Rules, moved a resolution to adjourn the House until the 22d, and this was voted to inquire into the Pan-American telephone matter and report whether any other of the bills had been improperly introduced. Mr. Pulitzer, while he excused shrinking back from the enemies of his newspaper, attacked the House. Mr. Morrison said: "As a friend of the 'opper' I suppose to be most affected if anybody tried to do me in." He added: "I am a friend of the 'opper' because it is the only newspaper which gives unceasing attention to the public interest, giving unlimited confidence in his honor and in his personal and official integrity. I want this resolution to pass, and I want this investigation to go on." Mr. Morrison, however, did not move to adjourn, and hoped the investigation would be made thorough and searching. Mr. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, who has no friends in the Senate, said: "I am a good man, but my friends are bad." His friend, Mr. D. C. Jones, of Georgia, his supposed friend, defended his "con" by declaring that his skirts were perfectly clean of any wrongdoing, and that he had done nothing to deserve punishment. The resolution was adopted without division. Mr. Burnes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the immediate payment of \$100,000 to the rebels.

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A local option law has passed the Virginia Legislature.

MISCELLANEOUS.

John L. Sullivan issued a challenge to fight Sam Smith, of England, for \$5,000 or \$10,000 and the championship of the world, and put up a forfeit.

It is reported that the suit to determine the validity of the Bell telephone patent will be tried at Columbus, Ohio.

The Ontario Provincial Government has adopted high license in a modified form. It decided that in cities over 20,000 inhabitants the fee shall be \$250; in cities under 20,000, \$200. In towns the fee is fixed at \$100, in villages at \$10, and in towns of \$100.

Washington's birthday was observed at the National Capital by the closing of the Executive Department. Congress held no session. The American colony in the City of Mexico celebrated the day by laying the cornerstone of a hospital in the suburbs, on which occasion Joaquin Miller read a poem.

The Great Northern Railway, the Soldier's Memorial Hall at Toledo, Ohio, was formally opened, with patriotic speeches. At night a grand military promenade concert and a ball were held in the building. The Michigan Club, a Republican organization, held its first anniversary at Detroit, in the shape of a banquet, feasting for more than 1,000 persons. Senator Palmer presided, and Senators Logan, Evans, Conger, Manderson, Mrs. Alice, Gov. Fowler, and others were present and made speeches.

It is not true that the Chinese Consul General has advised Chinamen to quit America and return home. The report originated from arrangements being made with steamship companies to carry back poor, sick, and unemployed Chinese at half rate.

The Circuit Court at Columbus, Ohio, affirmed the judgment in the Dalton counterfeiting case, and the matter was at once referred to the Supreme Court of the State for final settlement.

According to the New York Produce Exchange the visible supply of wheat and corn, respectively, \$2,811,669 and \$8,967,578 bushels.

The deposits in the Government savings banks of Canada during January were \$95,593. The amount standing to the credit of persons is \$10,456,125.

The National Editorial Association, in session at Cincinnati, elected C. H. Jones, of Florida, President for the ensuing year, and decided to hold the next convention at Denver in June next.

FOREIGN.

The Greek Minister of War and Marine threaten to resign unless war against Turkey is declared.

The German mint is turning out a large amount of silver coin for Egypt, \$4,000,000 pieces having already been forwarded.

Lord Randolph Churchill was welcomed to Belfast by large bodies of Orangemen in regalia. Precautions were taken against rioting.

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It is the fashion among many so-called humorists to represent the American hotel clerk as a lordly and supercilious being, who, with a bulldog diamond in his immaculate shirt front and a look of contemptuous disdain upon his classic features, sends tired and travel-stained arrivals off to impossible regions in the fifteenth story, or laughingly refuses them any lodgings whatever.

The fact is that the true American hotel clerk is an invaluable feature of our civilization. The time of the arrivals and departures of all the trains on all the railroads is at his tongue's end; he is full of information about what is interesting at the theaters, and stories of actors and actresses who have stopped at his hotel, and within a kindly man, who, if the house is crowded, will let you sleep-on-a-table.

He husband (pulling off his boots and putting them carefully on the bureau) Don't—
—gold. Could'n get away
—moment sooner. Had a—
big argument.

Wife—
—big fistfight!

Husband—Fact, I sure you. Whad-
her think! All—or—boys of the lodge
in it. Quicksilv was, which of us had
—most available and—er—beautiful
woman. I eat em all. Described you—
—beautiful eyes, silky hair, cheeks
—roses, teeth pearls, lips cher-
—ries—temper—er—like—like—
Offered to fight 'em if they wouldn't
admit it. They gave in, 'n' here I am—
late—er—victorious; fine wife in
er—world.

Wife—(with a sweet smile)—You are
a bad fellow, John! I'm afraid you'll
never be anything better. Let me help
you to take off your coat, dear.—Boston
Courier.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

The average prices of the leading cereals in the English market for the last year are quoted as follows: Barley, 3s. 1d. per quarter for wheat, 3s. 1d. per quarter for oats.

All these are for the quarter of eight measured bushels, which for English wheat averages about eight times sixty-two pounds. It is understood that the wheat figures apply only to the grain grown at home, the product of Indian soil having averaged even less.

The lowest price was 3s. 2d. touched the last Saturday in the year, but even that minimum of less than 8s. cents per forty pounds was surpassed since then.

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